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Senate Bill _____
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House Bill No.HJR0051
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Charles Hammontree for his
devotion to children and sports.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those Tennesseans who through their time and devotion have made significant contributions to the development of young athletes; and

WHEREAS, Charles Hammontree is one such person who has become a mentor for young baseball players in his hometown of Greenback, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammontree demonstrated his love for the great American game of baseball as a child growing up in East Tennessee where he traveled from town to town playing with his county's team each summer; and

WHEREAS, he derived great enjoyment from playing the game with his eight brothers, who all shared a wooden bat handcarved by their father from a willow tree; and

WHEREAS, the importance of the game stayed with Mr. Hammontree throughout his years of employment with Alcoa Aluminum, and since his retirement, he has once again become active in the sport of baseball by teaching and supporting youngsters in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, as a patient coach and a loyal supporter of T-ball teams, little leagues, and high school teams, Mr. Hammontree has become known as “Pappy”, and

WHEREAS, to the numerous children and adults who are privileged to know this gentleman and work with him through the years, he is a true friend and a source of wisdom, who unselfishly nurtures young baseball players in their attempts to become disciplined athletes and good sports; and

WHEREAS, upon his 70th birthday, these children showed “Pappy” their appreciation for him by presenting him with a special plaque; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hammontree has given and will continue to give the patience, kindness, and guidance that is crucial for the success of young athletes; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and thank Charles Hammontree for his dedication to the young athletes of his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to Charles Hammontree with this final clause deleted from such copy.

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